

House Resolution No. 843

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answer the call to patriotic service through their enlistment in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, a self-employed carpenter, Alfredo "Pete" Leija of Morehouse, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a Platoon Sergeant with the 1221st Transportation Company of the Missouri Army National Guard, a leadership role that he drew to a close on January 12, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after twenty-four years of service; and

Whereas, during his time as a soldier, Pete Leija served in Vietnam, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Katrina emergency operations; and

Whereas, in addition to his military service, Pete Leija developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as the mayor of Morehouse, a deacon at First Baptist Church in Morehouse, a missionary to Honduras, and a Board member of the Stars and Stripes Museum; and

Whereas, Pete Leija is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Lydia Ann and the loving father of Anna, Rachel, Jonna, Melissa, and Brian; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Pete Leija at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Pete Leija and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Alfredo "Pete" Leija of Morehouse, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hodges
District No. 161

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 843, adopted February 27, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker